

SCHEME OF SECONDARY EXAMINATION

National Board of Open School, India



NBOSI

SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS AND PASS CRITERIA FOR NBOSI

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- (i) The Scheme of Examinations and Pass Criteria for NBOSI Examinations conducted by the Board, shall be as laid down from time to time.
- (ii) Class IX examination shall be conducted internally by the schools themselves.
- (iii) The Board will conduct the external examinations at the end of class X.
- (iv) Class X examination shall be based on the Syllabi as prescribed by the Board for class X from time to time.
- (v) Number of papers, duration of examination and marks for each subject/paper will be as specified in the curriculum for the year.
- (vi) The examination would be conducted in theory as well as in practicals , depending upon the nature of the subject(s) and the marks/grades allotted shall be as prescribed in the curriculum.
- (vii) Marks/grades shall be awarded for individual subjects and the aggregate marks shall not be given.

GRADING

- (i) Assessment of theory/practical papers in external subjects shall be in numerical scores. In addition to numerical scores, the Board shall indicate grades in the mark sheets issued to the candidates in case of subjects of external examinations. In case of internal assessment subjects, only grades shall be shown.
- (ii) Letter grades on a nine-point scale shall be used for subjects of external examinations. However, for subjects of internal examination in Class X the assessment shall be made on a five point scale i.e. A,B,C,D and E.
- (iii) The grades shall be derived from scores in case of subjects of external examination. In case of subjects of internal assessment, they shall be awarded by the schools.
- (iv) The qualifying marks in each subject of external examination shall be 33% at Secondary School Examination.

(v) Grading of Subjects will be as follow :

- A-1 For % Between 91 to 100
- A-2 For % Between 81 to 90
- B-1 For % Between 76 to 80
- B-2 For % Between 71 to 75
- C-1 For % Between 61 to 70
- C-2 For % Between 51 to 60
- D-1 For % Between 41 to 50
- D-2 For % Between 33 to 40
- E Failed Candidates

Notes :-

The Over all performance will be evaluated on the bases of Grade Point Average (GPA)

1 GPA = 10%

MERIT CERTIFICATES

- (i) The Board will award Merit Certificates in each subject to the top 0.1% of candidates passing the subject, provided that they have passed examination as per the pass criteria of the Board.
- (ii) The number of Merit Certificates in a subject will be determined by rounding of the number of candidates passing the subject to the nearest multiple of thousand. If the number of candidates passing a subject is less than 500, no merit certificate will be issued.
- (iii) In the matter of tie, if one student gets a Merit certificate, all candidates getting that score will get the Merit Certificate.

SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS

S.No.	Subject	No. of Question Papers	Max. Marks	Duration
1.	Language I	1	100	3 hours
2.	Language II	1	100	3 hours

English, Hindi , Sanskrit, Urdu, Tibitan, Telugu, Tamil, Spanish, Sindhi, Russian, Punjabi, Persian, Oriya, Nepali, Mizo, Marathi, Manipuri, Malayalam, Limboo, Lepcha, Kashmiri, Kannada, Gujarati, German, Bhutia, Bengali, Arabic, Melayau, French, Farsi, Latin, Chini, Pali, Marathi, Japanese, Asami.

NOTE:

- Out of the languages, one shall be English or Hindi, both English and Hindi can also be offered simultaneously.

3.	Mathematics	1	80+20*	3 hours
4.	Science	1	60+20*+20**	3 hours
5.	Social Science	1	80+20*	3 hours

Compulsory Additional Subject

(i) Environmental Science	60+20*+20**	3 hours
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Additional Subject (If Opted)

Choose from Subject List

Music	40+60**	3 hours
Drawing & Painting	30+70**	3 hours
Art Education	100	3 hours
Elements of Business	80+20*	3 hours

Elements of Book-keeping And Accountancy	80+20*	3 hours
Typewriting-(English or Hindi)	30+70**	3 hours
Information Technology	80+20*	3 hours
Pre-Vocational Education	80+20*	3 hours
Home Science	40+60**	3 hours

Note : * Stand for Multiple Choice Question.

** Stand for Practical Examination.

PASS CRITERIA

- (i) A candidate will be eligible to get the pass certificate of the Board, if he/she gets a grade higher than E in all subjects of internal assessment unless he/she is exempted. Failing this, the result of the external examination will be withheld but not for a period of more than one year.
- (ii) In order to be declared as having passed the examination, a candidate shall obtain a grade higher than E (i.e. atleast 33% marks) in all the five subjects of external examination in the main or at the compartmental examinations. The pass marks in each subject of external examination shall be 33%.
- (iii) No overall division/distinction/aggregate shall be awarded.
- (iv) In respect of a candidate offering an additional subject, the following norms shall be applied :-
 - (a) a language offered as an additional subject may replace a language in the event of a candidate failing in the same provided after replacement the candidate has English/ Hindi as one of the languages; and
 - (b) the replacement shall satisfy the conditions as laid down in the Scheme of Studies.
- (v) Candidates exempted from one or more subjects of internal examination shall be eligible for appearing in external examination and result shall be declared subject to fulfilment of other conditions laid down in the Pass Criteria.
- (vi) In order to be declared as having passed class IX Examination a candidate shall obtain 33% in all the subjects. The pass marks in each subject of the examination shall be 33% (Rule 41.1 (vi) of examination Bye laws)

ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPARTMENT

A Candidate failing in two of the five subjects of external examination shall be placed in compartment in those subjects provided he/she qualifies in all the subjects of internal assessment.

COMPARTMENT EXAMINATION

- (i) A candidate placed in Compartment may reappear at Compartment Examination to be held in Next by the board. The candidate will be declared 'PASS' provided he/she qualifies the compartmental subjects in which he/she had failed.
- (ii) A candidate who does not appear or fails at one or all the four chances of compartment shall be treated to have failed in the examination and shall be required to reappear in all the subjects at the subsequent annual examination of the Board as per syllabi and courses laid down for the examination concerned in order to pass the examination. The candidate's practical marks/internal assessment marks obtained in the 'Main examination will be carried over till the fifth chance compartmental examination. The candidate shall have the option to appear at the practical examination in the subjects involving practical or retain their previous marks in one more annual examination after the Fifth Chance Compartment.
- (iii) Syllabi and Courses for the Compartmental Candidates in Examination shall be the same as applicable to the candidates of full subjects appearing at the examination.
- (iv) For subjects involving practical work, in case the candidate has passed in practical at the main examination he/she shall appear only in theory part and previous practical marks will be carried forward and accounted for. In case a candidate has failed in practical he / she shall have to appear in theory and practical both irrespective of the fact that he / she has already cleared the theory examination.

IMPROVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE

- (i) A candidate who has passed Secondary School Examination of the Board may reappear at the examination for improvement of performance in the main examination in succeeding year only, provided he/she has not pursued higher studies in the mean time. He/she shall appear as a private candidate. Those reappearing in the whole examination may appear as regular candidates also. The candidate(s) appearing for improvement of performance in the examination can appear in the subject(s) only in which they have been declared pass but not in the subject in which they have been declared fail.
- (ii) A candidate appearing for improvement in subject(s) involving practical shall appear only in theory and previous practical marks shall be carried forward and accounted for.
- (iii) Candidates who appear for improvement of performance will be issued only statement of Marks reflecting the marks of the improvement examination.
- (iv) A candidate appearing for improvement of performance in one or more subjects can not appear for additional subject simultaneously.

EXEMPTION TO SPASTIC, BLIND, DYSLEXIC AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

CANDIDATES

Dyslexic, Spastic candidates and candidates with visual and hearing impairment have the option of studying one compulsory language as against two. This language should be in consonance with the overall spirit of the Three Language Formula prescribed by the Board. Besides one language any four of following subjects be offered :-

Mathematics, Science, Social Science, another language, Music, Painting, Home Science , Introductory Information Technology and Commerce (Elements of Business) & Commerce (Elements of Book Keeping and Accountancy)

